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The reply filed on November 1, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: It merely amends the specification to state that the present invention is made with Government support. It does not address any of the rejections made in the Office action mailed September 11, 2002. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has not expired, Applicant has until December 11, 2002 to file a response. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) could be filed to extend this period until as late as March 11, 2003.

In no case may an Applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

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